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Title: PATIENT SUPPORTING APPARATUS
WITH LIQUID COLLECTING RECEPTACLE

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This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR
1.53(b) of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 10/192 405 Filing Date: July 10, 2002

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Title: PATIENT SUPPORTING APPARATUS WITH
FOOT END FOWLER/FOOT SECTION ASSEMBLY

Group: 3673 Examiner: Michael Trettel

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any
applications from which this prior application may claim
priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

[X] This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named
in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor named
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Enclosed are:

☒ New specification.

☐ Marked-up version of specification showing changes to prior parent application (optional).

☐ Copy of prior specification.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before line 1 of page 1, the sentence:

---This is a division of Serial No. 10/192 405, filed July 10, 2002.---

☒ Declaration or Oath, which is:

☐ New

☒ A copy of the Declaration or Oath from the prior application.

☒ 11 Drawing Sheets ☒ Formal

☐ Informal

☒ Cancel in this application Claims 1-17 and 32 of the present application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)

☐ Preliminary Amendment Cancelling Claims (Please enter before calculating the filing fee.)

☐ Amendment Before First Office Action

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Stryker Corporation.

☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card

☐ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Application No. , filed .

☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

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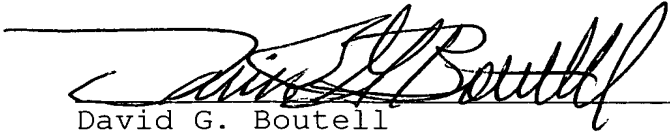
[] acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

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